

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Monique T. Cole, Applicant's Representative, on 11/24/08.

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 12, line 4, the phrase "corresponds to" has been deleted and the phrase --is represented by-- has been inserted.

In claim 12, line 7, the phrase "corresponds to" has been deleted and the phrase -- represented by-- has been inserted.

In claim 12, line 4, in front of the phrase "R represents", the phrase --wherein, -- has been inserted.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: a method for the treatment of alopecia or hairloss comprising the administration of a composition comprising a peptide of Formula II, was not found to be reasonably taught or suggested by the prior art of record. The closest art of record was deemed to be one of the present Inventor's (Pinel) earlier works (WO 9718235, see Applicant's IDS, and English translation therein), teaching one or more nearly identical compounds to that of Formula II, BUT no suggestion/motivation or

predictability therein, that such compounds would have had a reasonable expectation of success in treating alopecia or hairloss, the presently claimed method of use.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Claims 12-17, 19, and 23-24 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MAURY AUDET whose telephone number is (571)272-0960. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th. 7AM-5:30PM (10 Hrs.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached 571-272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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MA, 11/24/08

/Cecilia Tsang/

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